

Ross Defeats M'Larnin on Points For World's Welterweight Title

***Chicago Boxer Adds 147-Pound Crown to Lightweight Honors by
15-Round Triumph in Garden Bowl—Referee's Vote Decides
When Judges Disagree—60,000 Pay \$225,000 Gate.***

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A new world's welterweight champion reigns in boxing today.

Last night in the huge Madison Square Garden Bowl in Long Island City, before a crowd estimated at 60,000 who paid about \$225,000 to see the spectacle, Barney Ross, born on New York's East Side, but now from Chicago, captured the title. He hammered his way to the decision over Jimmy McLarnin, Oakland, Calif., defender of the crown, in fifteen sizzling rounds of fighting.

When he received the divided decision of the three bout officials, Ross, adding to his world's 135-pound title the 147-pound laurels, became the first fighter in modern ring history to rule the two divisions.

There was widespread approval of the award in the crowd which turned out to see the first ring struggle here between two champions in thirteen years.

The bout was staged in the interests of charity. The Free Milk Fund for Babies, Inc., of which Mrs. William Randolph Hearst is

chairman, profited from the bout which reflected, temporarily, at least, a return of boxing to popular favor.

The crowd, which included persons prominent in many walks of life, saw a battle that was bitterly, systematically and, at times, savagely waged.

The fans waited expectantly as Announcer Joe Humphreys, at its conclusion, revealed a disagreement of the two judges, the veteran Tom O'Rourke and Harold Barnes. On the vote of Referee Eddie Forbes the title changed hands, for Forbes cast his ballot for Ross. O'Rourke voted for McLarnin and Barnes voted for Ross.

The announcement of the disagreement between the judges attracted the only unfavorable outburst in connection with the decision. When this was broadcast through the amplifiers a solid section of the crowd rent the air with cries of amazement. But it was only for a moment.

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